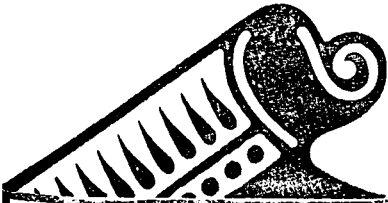


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LIFE AND

CHARACTER SKETCH

—OF—



Prof. John Wm. Taylor, Dp. U.P.S.

By the Editor.



MARCH

in the
Phrenological World.

1	Tu	Fowler Institute
2	W	founded 1890.
3	Th	Meeting of the B.P.A.
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9	W	Dr. Gall, discoverer
10	Th	of phrenology born
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25	Fr	Dr. Donovan, M.A.,
26	S	Ph.D., born 1725.
27	S	
28	M	
29	Tu	
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Notes by Vandula. or Splashes from the Inkpot.



THIS month we are sending all known phrenologists a free copy of this issue of *Know Thyself*, in order to draw their attention to the existence of such a magazine, and the Universal Phrenological Society. We think all those who have the interests of the science at heart will do their best to push the sale of *Know Thyself*, or become subscribers, for we shall send *no more free copies*. When we remember that contributions from the pens of Dr. Crisp, Dr. Gray, and others adorn its pages we are a little surprised that phrenologists do not take a greater interest in its welfare. We hope the time is not far distant when we shall issue *Know Thyself* WEEKLY, enlarged to 24 pages for 1d., but to do this we must have the co-operation of those who love phrenology.

If you want to help make *Know Thyself* a success, order a copy from *each* newsagent in your town, and thereby make them feel interested.

I hear a whisper that the U. P. S. is likely to get a good branch formed abroad; but I suppose I must not tell tales out of school as I do not know the full particulars, but this I know, that the Society has a thoroughly UNIVERSAL view of the matter, and is likely to take tremendous strides all over the world. For more particulars see report of the meeting of the U. P. S.

A piece of narrowmindedness and bigotry comes to me from Newcastle. The magistrates there are very anxious to sweep out of existence all men, women, and books they consider unclean, so the "bobbies" are authorized to "drop on" Prof. Henry Loader, aged 67, and Madame Caroline Loader, aged 52. These criminals were brought up on December 20th, 1891. Now, read carefully how the "man in blue" trapped these desperate individuals, and watch, lest thou art caught in the same net. Detective-inspector Atkinson went to the Phrenological Institute, Newcastle, and after representing himself to be a married *barman* had his head examined, purchased the "Wife's handbook," and "Fruits of philosophy." The case is not yet settled, but I understand that indignation meetings have been held, and appeals made to the M.P., Home Secretary, etc. We shall be glad to receive any further news of this from our correspondents.

The sum of the whole matter is this:—A few goody goodies, who try to alleviate the sufferings of poor humanity, insist on having their own way of doing it, even if they have to burn the phrenologist and his books at the stake, similar to the tyranny of the Romish Church in times gone by, when they martyred those who disbelieved in Romish doctrines. In fact, they would burn alive such persons as Fowler, Allbutt, Resant, Ellis, and others, with the books they have written to assist poor humanity to understand themselves and their responsibility on sexual matters. All this persecution is the outcome of a false idea of true morality taught in our pulpits and on our platforms. Hodge was crying bitterly when the parson visited him the other day. "What are you weeping for, Hodge," inquired his reverence. "Because we have another child born to-day, and that makes six," replied poor Hodge who was earning 15/- per week. "Never mind," said the parson, consolingly, "When God sends mouths He always sends food to fill them." "I know that," warmly retorted Hodge, "But the worst of it is that the mouths come to our house and the food to yours." Those who have read the books in question will understand the moral of this story.

How few seem to realize the fact that it is as great a sin in God's sight to neglect the *body* as to neglect the *soul*. An immoral person smitten by disease will receive little sympathy from the moralist, who will exclaim, "You have violated the MORAL

laws, and must suffer the consequences." But take a moralist who has neglected the physical laws of health to ardently study his spiritual hobby, and when disease kills him his friends will remark that he died in the midst of doing his duty to God. Bosh, to such egotism! The filth and neglect of the physical laws still runs on, so far as overstraining nature is concerned, with but small efforts on the part of educationalists to save the world by both *physical* and *spiritual* means

I beg to draw the attention of our readers to our 5/- parcel of publications which we will send post free for 2/6.

It will pay you to come 20 miles for a personal consultation with Ida Ellis. As soon as you enter the door she will know you better than your own mother, and read you like an open book. If we cannot describe your talents, and search your innermost heart, nobody can.

Albert Ellis interviews gentlemen and Ida Ellis ladies, *if requested* to do so, but if not, Mrs. Ellis generally delineates the characters of visitors.

If you wish to know what kind of a person would be most suitable for you as a matrimonial mate, what occupation you are best suited for, or anything else that is to do with your own life and character, let me tell you the very best way to get to know if you can't come to *Know Thyself* Office for a phrenological examination.

First put down on paper your age, height, girth, weight, size of head around the eyebrows, colour of hair, (moustache and beard if a man) eyes, present occupation, and send with a photograph of yourself and a lock of your hair. Ask any question you like pertaining to the body or mind, and you will receive a written reply which we guarantee to be satisfactory, or your money will be returned. You can send any fee you like from 1/- up to £2, and the length of our reply will be given accordingly.

There were some good "hits" in the character sketches of the editor last month; but phrenologists are always making good "hits," and unless they do so their ability is soon questioned. Writing of hits reminds me of a few I have heard myself. I accompanied the editor to Knaresboro' some weeks ago, and one of the clients who came for consultation was especially talented for a hospital nurse, with the exception that she would neglect her own health for that of others. The editor remarked this to her, and after the delineation was completed we were amused by the young lady making the remark that she had been a hospital nurse, but had resigned that position on account of failing health. Another case: Two young persons quite unknown to us came to the office, and when delineating the characters, Prof. Ellis told one that she would make a nurse provided she could remain near home, the other as a dressmaker. They were taken aback with surprise, and then remarked that they had each followed that course of occupation for some time: but the nurse had lately left her situation because her employers were removing farther from her home.

"Progressive Science" is a small pamphlet wherein Prof. Haddock, its author, explains a theory whereby digestion and its attendant evils can be cured without the use of drugs. If the advice given were practised by all sufferers most diseases would have to succumb to the hygienic measures put forth. Price 3d. at *Know Thyself* Office.

Know Thyself Annual for 1893. About 100 pages, price 6d. Ready October 1st, 1892. Phrenologists who have a good block of themselves should send it with a few facts of their life, and we will insert same in the "Annual," on condition that 50 copies or more are ordered at half-price. This will be the largest and best sixpennyworth in the phrenological world.

We have a quantity of Phrenological Annals for 1892. A good sixpennyworth. Send for one post free 7d.

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The following challenge from the pen of Signor Crispi has appeared in the *Political World*:—"Dr. Andrew Wilson in the pages of *Health* never loses an opportunity to sneer at phrenology, and the only reason for this must be the dressing down he got in the Edinburgh Phrenological Museum some years ago. If he has a genuine doubt of the scientific truth of phrenology I will make him an offer which will prove his sincerity and my faith. He or any gentleman in the whole world to stake a sum of money, say £100, or any sum, and a committee of scientific men to take a selection of known characters, cover up all but their heads below the nape of the neck, and their eyes, number each individual and book their characteristics. I will guarantee to pick out each individual by the shape of his head. This will be a crucial test of phrenology as a science. I offer it only in the interest of scientific truth, the loser to hand over the money to the committee to set some poor person up in business. Dr. A. Wilson must be taught that there are men who can demonstrate the facts of Gall, Spurzheim, and Combe as plainly as any other fact of science. If he dare not accept this test case, it is only fair and honourable in the future to refrain from flinging innuendoes against a department of science of which he is professedly ignorant.—Yours, etc., Crispi."

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Those who wish to follow the lucrative, honourable, and useful career of a phrenological lecturer and examiner would do well to receive a course of lessons either personally or by correspondence, at *Know Thyself* Office. Profs. Albert and Ida Ellis will guarantee to train you into a practical phrenologist if you have any gumption about you. Fee £3. Private and confidential advice letters to would-be phrenologists 2/6 each.

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I promised last month I would say something more about Dr. Densmore's non-starch diet, and what follows is our experience concerning it. A full explanation as to the "why and wherefore" will be found in a pamphlet, entitled, "An exposition of the non-starch system," (see advt.) The diet suits us admirably, and were we angels we could not wish for a better system. It is luxurious in the extreme, but the worst of it is that the profits on *Know Thyself* are not sufficient to keep us on such enjoyable food, as we prove that it costs twice as much as vegetarianism; therefore, although against our inclinations, we have found it necessary to return to the staff of life (?) i.e., whole meal bread; for we do not suppose Dr. Densmore is so enthusiastic over his converts as to pay the difference in expenses in order to retain them. Nevertheless we thoroughly recommend it as being conducive to health, comfort, and longevity.

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I should like to draw the attention of the readers to an advertisement entitled, "Character in handwriting." Eugene Gorrie is well-known as being an expert in Graphology, in fact I have seen his delineation from writing of the character of a personal friend, and am confident that he could not have done it better had he known the person all his lifetime.

U. P. S. Notes, BY THE SECRETARY.

At the monthly general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, 1892, with John Thompson, Esq. in the chair, the following persons were elected officers of the society:—Dr. John Simmons, M.D., (U.S.A.) President; Dr. Richards Gray, F.S.Sc., Folkestone, Dr. W. Crisp, F.S.Sc., Castleton, and John Thompson, Esq., Member of the British Phrenological Association, Dewsbury, Vice-Presidents; Mr. A. E. Ellis, Batley, Secretary; Mrs. Ellis. Batley, Treasurer.

The above officers were also elected on the Executive Council, with the addition of the Rev. J. Thomas, F.S.Sc., Carlisle, Edwood Clarke, Esq., Batley Carr, and Samuel Briggs, Esq., Batley.

The following motions were held over for future consideration:—

That tickets of membership be issued to each member to be produced at each meeting.

That red seals be used for diplomas, with name of the Society printed thereon.

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The following motions were read by the chairman, but were not carried, the members considering them unsuitable at the present stage of the Society:—

First—That the initials "U.P.S." shall not be used except by those possessing the diploma.

Second—That a fee of one guinea be charged to non-members, and 10/6 to members for examination fee and diploma.

Third—That *Know Thyself* be named the *Phrenological Messenger*.

Fourth—That any person who is asked to become a patron, president, or vice-president, be presented with the diploma *Honoris Causa*.

Fifth—That we send some of our phrenological friends abroad a diploma, and invite them to form a branch.

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The following motions were also put to the meeting:—

That two examinations, a preliminary and final, take place for diploma, by correspondence; in place of which the following amendment was carried: That diplomas be granted to members who can write an original essay on phrenology, give a character sketch from the photograph of some well-known person, furnish the name and address of two references, and remit 2/6 for cost of diploma, etc.; or present themselves before the Executive Council for a practical examination. N.B.—Members who possess a certificate of any other Phrenological Institution will be granted a diploma *Honoris Causa* without passing the above examination on payment of 2/6 for cost.

That special examiners be appointed to conduct the examinations for diplomas. This was considered unnecessary owing to the preceding clause.

It was resolved that in future the meetings be held at 7-30 instead of 8-0 p.m.

That should any member feel himself aggrieved, or misconduct himself in any manner, the same being brought before the Executive Council shall be examined, and any decision must be that of two-thirds of the members. As an amendment this was altered to the majority of the members.

That whenever a member wishes to withdraw from the Society he shall at the time of notification forward the secretary the diploma granted by the Society, postage prepaid. This rule holds good also in the case of members who may be called upon to resign connection with the Society by the Executive Council. This was carried after some debate.

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The following persons were granted diplomas *Honoris Causa* but it was expressed that great care should be exercised with regard to all future applications. Dr. Simmons. Dr. Gray, Dr. Crisp, John Thompson, Esq., Member of the British Phrenological Association, S.J.A., etc.; J. W. Taylor, N.L.S., Cert. F.I., M.B.P.A., etc.; Thos. Roe, Member of the British Phrenological Association, and Registered Phrenologist; David Dall, Albert Ellis, and Ida Ellis, Member of the British Phrenological Association.

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After the business was over Mr. John Thompson delivered a lecturette on "Why I became a phrenologist." The members showed their appreciation by warmly applauding the lecturer. Space will not permit a report such as we should feel it a pleasure to give.

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The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th March, when the Treasurer will deliver a lecture entitled "The human head phrenologically considered," by request.

The members of the U.P.S. wish it to be thoroughly understood that the Society is not antagonistic to the B.P.A., London, which is scientific, and worthily so, to the advancement of phrenological principles on such foundation. This Society is more practical in its tendencies and aims, seeking to encourage the timid, enlighten the doubtful, and instruct the student, at the same time encouraging essays on subjects connected with phrenology from the members for publication in *Know Thyself*.

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You are earnestly invited to become a member of the "Universal Phrenological Society," whether you possess a knowledge of the science or not. Any questions concerning the working of the Society, that are not dealt with in the magazine, will be cheerfully answered by the Secretary to all intending members.

The diploma of the U.P.S. is about 21in. long, and 17½in. wide, printed on good stiff paper, suitable for framing.

Smaller Phrenological Societies would do well to affiliate themselves with the U.P.S. Any particulars can be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of two books on physiology sent by Prof. Roe, Banbury. Second-hand books are always a welcome addition to the U.P.S. library.

Wanted phrenological busts of all kinds to lay before the Executive Council of the U.P.S., for their decision as to which is the best and most useful for practical purposes. The one most appropriate will be recommended at all times by the Society. Will phrenologists who possess a specimen differing from L. N. Fowler's bust kindly send same to the Secretary, 115, Taylor Street, Batley.

Life and Character Sketch of Prof. John William Taylor, Dp., U.P.S.

By Ida Ellis, (from photo.)

MR. TAYLOR is 26 years of age, being born in Hilgay, Norfolk, in 1865, and although his youth was full of adverse circumstances, his character is such that had they been worse, he would have overcome them. He took up the profession in 1886, on the advice of Prof. James Riding, of Bolton, and Prof. H. Proctor, of Liverpool. His head measures 22½ inches in circumference; he weighs 12½ stones, and is 5ft. 9in. in height.

He possesses the Mental Motive temperament, and his whole character gives him a desire for literary and scientific pursuits. As a phrenologist he is quick coming to conclusions, penetrating, and at times a harsh judge of character. He has an agreeable manner in all he says and does, except when thwarted in his intentions, and then he will manifest an equality with his opponent. As a lecturer he delivers himself with a good amount of confidence, but will not show conceit by using a great many capital I's in public. The moral tone of his character is extremely good, and I should say from this that his writings manifest a good deal of spiritual advice intermingled with other subjects, although I have not seen any. His love for art, beauty, and the sublime in nature, is very great; has good hope for his future, and as he is persevering and independent he will never ask anybody to help him out of trouble if he can crawl out himself. He is a member of the "Natural Living Society," "British Phrenological Association," and has just succeeded in obtaining the certificate of the Fowler Institute, (Lond.)



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1.—Any person interested in Phrenology may become a member of this Society by paying 10/- per annum, but members of other Phrenological institutions shall be admitted on payment of 5/- per annum, which sum shall be spent on the Library and Museum of the Society, and the distribution of Mental Science Literature.

2.—All members shall be at liberty to suggest anything for the advancement of the Society.

3.—Members shall be entitled to have their names and address inserted in *Know Thyself* every month free of charge, in the column set apart for that purpose.

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8.—The accounts will be audited at the close of each year, and a Balance Sheet forwarded to each member.

9.—Vigorous measures will be taken against any person using the initials of the U. P. S. who is not a member, or who has forfeited his or her membership by nonpayment of contribution.

10.—All communications must be addressed to the Secretary, 115, Taylor Street, Batley, Yorkshire.

Mind : its developement.

(Continued from page 48.)

THE present age requires that each life shall show something attempted, something done. The agriculturalist wisely considers the soil, knowing it will be barren or fruitful, according to the cultivation. All soils are not alike, each requires a certain method of culture, because of its variation from the general. Just so, the cultivators of the mind have to learn that a stereotyped method will not yield a rich harvest, either of satisfaction or advancement. The brain and its types of character must be considered, that the tuition may be productive of good result. There must always be variety, both in the *purpose* and the *character* of the work.

In such an enterprise, method, earnestness and patience are called for, the greatest difficulties whether individual, tutorial, or national will vanish before determined effort.

The tourist, intent on reaching the summit of yon mountain, sees difficulty, and even danger in the attempt, but he commences the journey or ascent, and after awhile, on reaching the top, his patience, courage, and effort is rewarded by the wealth of prospect stretched out at his feet, and he is more than repaid, for the satisfaction and experience gained enhances the enjoyment.

It is thus with education or training, there must be a definite aim and object, by and bye the patience shall be rewarded as the goal is reached.

It must not be forgotten also that man's physical actions are determined, not only by inherited and acquired tendencies, but that their ideas *also* give in, for as a man thinks, so he acts. No laws, whether of teaching or institutions, can be permanent that are not founded on a true knowledge of mankind, hence "Gore" says :—"Mental Science" should be the basis of philosophy.

What would be thought of a gardener, who seeing a sapling bending beneath its own weight at a certain period of its growth, neglected to prop it, until it should be strong enough to support itself? What will future generations think of parents and guardians who neglect any means by which the knowledge of any weakness may be gained, or the developement of capacity directed, that a life-long advantage may result? I contend that the *occasion* is *imperative*, and the *duty* *clear*.

In the present there must be a discipline of the mind in education and culture, which has in the past been comparatively unrecognised. A discipline that shall develop the faculties of each boy or girl to their fullest extent in the different channels, whether scholastic, professional, technical or commercial life of the pupil.

Wherever excellence is declared, it is the result of self-denying effort, and earnest toil. That statue, the perfection of which we admire, suggesting activity or

repose, daring or courage, defeat or triumph, is the product of thought and labour. From the day the slab of marble first lay (untouched) in the studio of the artist, till it stood out the *likeness* of an *individual*, or the *declaration* of a *success*, *labour*, both of brain and hand.

Native talent may be declared in a shepherd's lad, as well as by a prince. Call to mind Highland shepherds, where talent has been declared, and the world benefited, the difference being in position, opportunity, and surroundings. Give the former the similar opportunities and advantages, in many cases the outcome would be truly astonishing.

Do I hear an objector remark, what an hazardous course to lift such an one out of his position, and place him in the midst of influences totally different from any he has ever known? May I ask you to reflect a moment, is not *peril* the element in which true power is developed? Let the talented youth, (or youth of any calibre,) be kept from mixing in society, from *every* tempest, and *all* storm, his up-growth will be that of a perpetual infant. The true nurses of intellectual power and vigour, in my estimation are "Freedom and Contact." Instill true principles into the youthful mind, and you need not fear for his safety or his success.

On every hand it is admitted that the age demands each citizen to be abreast of any and every important subject that shall present itself, either for discussion or acceptance, whether of an individual or national character; that weight may be given to argument, scope to thought and judgment, to decision. By what means shall many of the seeming incongruities and hindrances to national progress and influence be removed? We reply by a wise education of the people! so that ignorance shall disgust, and wisdom considered fortune. Then shall universal charity be enthroned, and commercial enterprise be without selfishness.

Parental love, under such conditions shall become more deep and tender, and filial affection more devoted and in volume. The right use of our highest endowments is the greatest safeguard against the influence of lowest idea.

Unknown quicksands, and rocks unregistered may exist, but who on this account would stay research, or discourage enquiry? Remember each sure conclusion becomes a stepping stone to loftier altitude, and far reaching purpose. We need not fear the issue, whether it be ours to journey through desert wilds, or cultivated landscape; an influence shall be exerted by our course that shall gladden the anxious, and stimulate the faltering. Bright flashes of genius, and the clear radiance of accumulating wisdom, giving unity, richness, and variety to the canvas of life.

We revere the memory of our sires, as far as they knew they acted with the best intent in the education of their families, but we live in clearer light and wider range of opportunity and exercise. Let us therefore prize the privileges we enjoy through their efforts, and ever strive to be worthy representatives of such an earnest, devoted, and patriotic parentage.

NO. 4.—THE PERCEPTIVE GROUP. (Continued.)

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
VII Degree of Activity.								
VIII Calculation								
IX Tune								
X Time								
XI Locality								
XII Individuality								
XIII Eventuality								

NO. 5.—THE REASONING GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Comparison								
III Intuition								
IV Agreeableness								
V Causality								

NO. 6.—THE REFINING GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Mirthfulness								
III Constructiveness								
IV Sublimity								
V Ideality								
VI Imitation								

NO. 7.—THE MORAL GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Spirituality								
III Hope								
IV Conscientiousness								
V Firmness								
VI Veneration								
VII Benevolence								

NO. 1.—THE DOMESTIC GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Amateness								
II Conjugalitv								
III Philoprogenitiveness.								
IV Inhabilitiveness								
V Continuity								
VI Friendship								

NO. 2.—THE SELFISH GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Combativeness								
III Vitativeness								
IV Destructiveness								
V Alimentiveness								
VI Acquisitiveness								
VII Secretiveness								

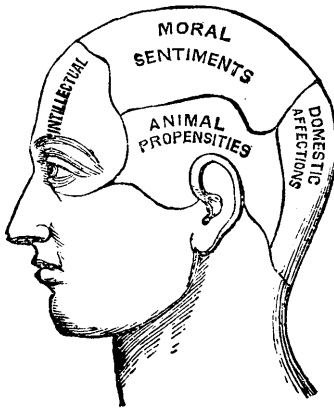
NO. 3.—THE ASPIRING GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Cautiousness								
III Approbativeness								
IV Self-Esteem								

NO. 4.—THE PERCEPTIVE GROUP.

Section	1 De- ficient	2 Small	3 Moder- ate	4 Average	5 Full	6 Large	7 Ex- cessive	Re- strain
I Degree of Activity.								
II Language								
III Form								
IV Size								
V Weight								
VI Colour								
VII Order								

(VII) Balanced



A Refutation to Dr. Andrew Wilson's Article.

"The Old Phrenology and the New,"

BY SIGNOR CRISPI, F.S.D.M., ETC.

"THE old phrenology and the new," is the title of an article recently published by Dr. Andrew Wilson, but what the gentleman's object is in writing such an article I am at a loss to conceive, unless it is to gratify his ambition by adding his name to the list of vanquished opponents of Gall, Spurzheim, and Combe. In defence of their system of phrenology I purpose to review the article in question, and note what merits it can claim as an anti-phrenological effusion, and, in doing so, will quote brief portions and reply to them in rotation. One of the first pertinent enquiries in which he indulges is:—"How does the phrenological Professor succeed in reading character? The reply is clear: simply from a shrewd talent for scanning the personal appearances and physiognomy of his clients, and by the dexterious suggestion of queries bearing on those traits of character which the features and manner reveal. This method being that adopted by the medical faculty of aiding their knowledge of disease, by questions asked of their patients, to enable them to form a truthful diagnosis of the disease."

I do not see how Dr. Wilson can complain of what is made a legitimate use of in the medical art, but Dr. Wilson's reading in facts phrenological must be very limited if he can recall no record of delineations of character, made upon no data except the skull or cast of an individual, and without any previous information in regard to the individual's peculiar characteristics. I will briefly refer him to an account of a visit by the late George Combe to the Glasgow jail, in April, 1836, where the accuracy of his observations upon the heads of prisoners brought to him for the purpose were testified to by the governor, Dr. McColl. Phrenological works abound with evidence of similar nature. Gall himself was frequently in the habit of

visiting prisons, and indicating characters from the head alone, and phrenologists of the present day are still capable of doing this. Take as an instance the late casts, amongst which was one of Mrs. Cotton, the notorious West Auckland poisoner, which were forwarded by me to the Edinburgh Phrenological Association. They were numbered 1, 2, and 3, Mrs. Cotton's being number 2. We will pass on one side the remarks made on Mrs. Cotton, and confine our inquiries to the casts of 1 and 3, in which the remarks of the Association were strictly to the point. Now, they had no other data to rely upon than the plaster casts, and do not to this day know the individuals or their characteristics, other than inferred from the casts I sent. I have often done this feat myself, and I can bear testimony to the accuracy of their remarks, the casts being from persons I am well acquainted with. Cases are also on record where the phrenologist has been blindfolded, and still given an accurate delineation of character, consequently it is improbable that phrenologists form their opinions in the manner suggested by Dr. Wilson.

Appearances are sometimes deceitful, and phrenology would soon come to disgrace if they relied upon appearances to indicate character. Take a case in point. A gentleman of some position was elected president of the West Hartlepool Phrenological Society, and it became the lot of one of the members to examine his head. The character given by phrenology did not at all accord with what was known of the gentleman's character, but so strong was this member's faith in phrenological science that no amount of pressure would induce him to modify in the least the opinions given phrenologically. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by the members, and oftentimes was the remark made in regard to this particular person that it was a curious thing he was always so remarkably correct in all other cases of delineation of character. Time passed on in its irresistible course, and within six or seven years events occurred which fully verified the conclusions arrived at, from a phrenological point of view, in the character of this gentleman, who was found to have committed forgery, with other dishonest practices, for which he absconded, and although a reward was offered for his apprehension, he made a clear escape. If Mr. Wilson wishes to enquire into the case I beg leave to refer him to the secretary at that time, Mr. W. Gregory, 1, Avenue Road, West Hartlepool. A similar case occurred with an examination by Mr. L. N. Fowler, at West Hartlepool, wherein he correctly delineated a character which afterwards became verified. Now, had either of those phrenologists been led away by appearances what an error they would have fallen into, as the ascribed character of those men, given them by the circle in which they moved, was so totally different from the natural character indicated by their heads. Thus, it was not until circumstances brought to light their evil doings that phrenology was vindicated by truth.

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